



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Health & Family Support**

Date: October 24, 2012

To: PUBLIC SAFETY, CIVIL RIGHTS & HEALTH COMMITTEE

Subject: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE FEDERAL
VACCINES FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM

Recommendation:

Council authorization for the proper City officials to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Minnesota Department of Health, Federally Qualified Health Centers/Rural Health Centers, and the City of Minneapolis, Department of Health and Family Support, as a local health department, for Delegation of Authority to provide Vaccines for Children (VFC) purchased vaccine to eligible under and uninsured children through the School Based Clinic program for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2018.

Previous Directives: None

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Approved by: _____
Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ____ Not Applicable X
Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval ____ Date of Approval ____ Not Applicable X

Presenters in Committee: Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

X No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).

Background/Supporting Information Attached

Federal funding has been significantly reduced for free or low cost vaccines to under and uninsured children through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Centers (RHCs) are eligible under federal rules to continue to receive free vaccine for uninsured children, and MDH has negotiated an agreement with the federal government to allow FQHCs/RHCs to delegate their authority to access these vaccines to selected local health departments to expand the number of public clinics able to provide these vaccines. The School Based Clinic (SBC) program has long participated in Minnesota's VFC program, and under this agreement the SBCs would be allowed to continue to access free vaccine for eligible students.